

REMARKS

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 9-17 are pending in this application.
Favorable consideration is requested.

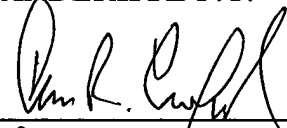
In response to the restriction requirement, and without agreeing with its contentions, applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 9-17) for prosecution in this application at this time. The Group I claims 1-8 and Group II claims 18-25 have been cancelled without prejudice and while preserving applicant's right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected groups and claims.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this case, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

Respectfully submitted,

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